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The tourist season opens brilliantly for Punta Gorda.

The Nicaragua canal bill passed the House of Representatives on the 9th by a vote of 308 to 2.

Editor Walpole is making the Palm-Netto News one of the best weeklies in Florida.

The Metropolis has a corner for the women of Jacksonville. Good thing it is not a corner on them, as that would be sure to cause a dickens of a row.

The scriptural reasons (for divorce) are reasons ante-dating marriage. There are no scriptural reasons for granting divorce after the conjugal knot has been tied—Ocala Banner.

Then, how dare you advocate any other reasons for it.

Capt B. N. Mathes tells the Tampa Herald that Hillsborough county is reaping a great harvest from strawberries. The largest shipment in any one day was 603 quarts from Sydney, which netted 50 to 80 cents a quart.

The Tampa Herald justly observes: "Every event in the current history of the State shows that the selection of Governor Jennings for the responsible position he holds was a wise one. He is in thorough accord with means and measures for progress along all lines."

It is true that this is Florida, but it is proper to urge everybody to build fires, fireplaces and chimneys. The breezes from the bay are often quite cold and some of us haven't flesh enough on our bones to keep out the hyberborean touch of these penetrating zephyrs. The neglect to put in fires may be attributable to the climate, but it is not inviting to rheumatism or suffering from phthisis.

The completion of the railroad from Fort Pierce to this coast will bring many of Mr. Flagler's tourists to visit this region. Now, if they come here at all, they have to go back toward Jacksonville nearly two hundred miles before they can even get started in this direction. But this trans-peninsula road will enable them to come directly across and view the emerald isles and perennial gardens of the Gulf.

A Georgia paper observes that "the greatest trouble with American journalism is that the men who know just exactly how a newspaper ought to be run are unfortunately engaged in some other business." Very true, but the fellows who are running the papers are always telling the farmers and others how to manage their business. The editorials in many country papers indicate that the editors are wealthy, retired farmers.

The Ocala Banner will begin the publication of a daily edition on the 15th inst. To this end, it will put in new type and presses and subsequently add two Mergenthaler linotype machines to its equipment. It proposes to cover the entire field of Ocala and Marion county, which its editor, Frank Harris, certainly has the ability to do. The press of the entire State will join THE HERALD in wishing Editor Harris the greatest success.

The Monticello Constitution, one of the oldest papers in Florida, which was conducted by Joel E. Smith, assigned last week liabilities \$70,000, assets nominal. The paper had agents all over the United States and enjoyed a large circulation, but its advertising patronage was poor. The amount of its indebtedness will astonish the average country editor who generally thinks himself fortunate if his credit is good for only a hundred or two dollars. The failure indicates what has long been known in journalistic circles: that newspapers are not properly appreciated in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

Dr. Josephus Anderson, late editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, announces to his friends that "all arrears on subscription to the Advocate belong to me and is my only business source of income. Others, I trust, will also settle up, and help my family to live. My office and outfit are for sale. The office is a two-story house, thirty by thirty feet, on a fifty-five foot square lot. The outfit consists of one Oranston cylinder press in fine condition, with two sets of rollers; one Van Duzen gasoline engine, three and a half actual horse power; and all needed type, cases and fixtures for newspaper work in good condition." The Doctor's address is Leesburg, Florida. All who owe him should pay promptly.

A FLORIDA LEGEND.

Over twenty years ago, a charming young lady now a matron living on the Withlacoochee river, told the writer that there was a legend to the effect that whoever once looked upon the incomparable splendor of Silver Spring in Marion county, would be sure, if going away, to return to Florida. In the writer's case, the legend has been twice verified, and he has met and read of many who, after going away to live, have come back to Florida to spend their remaining days, under the firm conviction that better conditions cannot be found anywhere else in the United States.

There is an indescribable charm about South Florida whose effects, after a residence of a few years, cannot be resisted. It is not alone in the climate, which is unquestionably the most delightful in North America, nor yet altogether in the business opportunities which abound all over the land. It must be, as Col. William N. Jackson expresses it, in the brotherhood of man, which comes nearer being properly recognized in South Florida than anywhere else.

We have the creme de la creme of the United States—people who do not seek to know the contents of your purse, but of your head and heart. If you are a good man, a cordial welcome awaits you anywhere on this peninsula; and it is this cordiality which crowns the attractions of climate and business opportunities.

The stranger arriving here is made to feel that he is welcome, that there is room for him and that he need not fear that he may be encroaching upon the field or the rights of others.

In many places outside of Florida, this is very different. You are made to feel as if you were not wanted, as if all the opportunities were pre-empted and that a back seat was all that was reserved for you. You must force your way in, if you succeed in entering at all; and then after you get in, you must fight for years before you can win a permanent foothold. One man wins by stepping upon another. Life is simply a scramble for dollars and society is a hollow mockery based upon stage effect alone.

Get out of this by coming to South Florida where genuine merit is appreciated at its full value; where the roses bloom and the birds sing all the year; where the frost coquets with the violets less than forty of the three hundred and sixty-five days and the pineapple ripens every week in the fifty-two. If you will come and live in South Florida for three years and then say you are not pleased, will write yourself down as one in a thousand—yes, in a hundred thousand.

DECEITFUL THERMOMETERS.

Tuesday morning was thought to be the coldest of the season. Ye Col. Pepper's standard self-registering thermometer showed that the minimum temperature at Punta Gorda was 30 degrees Fah. above zero. Other thermometers about town registered as low as 28.

Nocatee, this side of Arcadia, reported a minimum of 28; Bowling Green, north of Arcadia, reported 30; Lakeland 26; Seffner and Plant City 24; Tampa 30; Eustis, in Lake county, 150 miles north of Punta Gorda, where the minimum was 26. According to these figures it would appear that the further north you go, the warmer it becomes. In fact, a nice old gentleman from Iowa, coming in on the train Tuesday night, said that when he left his blizzard-blasted country, the temperature in Iowa was 26, and when he got here it was 26 at Lakeland. Now, we are inclined to believe that some of the South Florida thermometers are educated; some may be trained to add speculators in oranges, while others are taught to consider the interests of dealers in real estate.

But the real truth of the matter evidently lies in the fact that there is no uniformity in the methods and means of indicating, taking and recording temperature. All sorts and makes of thermometers are used and there is no uniformity in the height above ground at which they are placed. The strawberry grower at Lakeland puts his instrument on the ground or a few inches above it; the orange grower of Punta Gorda hangs his on a tree two to five feet from the ground, while Prof. Haas-Hagen, of the signal station, Tampa, has his thermometer some sixty feet up in the air. This difference in altitude shows a difference in temperature which is real and not imaginary, for it is well known that during a cold spell there is a stratum of atmosphere about 18 inches above ground that is warmer than any other.

Still another thing may cause the apparent or actual difference in the temperature of several places, and that is the fact that the cold may not come in a wave, but in a multitude of streaks (or rays), so to speak. Forests and elevations of land may interpose to break the supposed wave into currents, and bodies of water do actually absorb much of the cold from the chilling west and northwest winds.

Hence, places situated like Punta Gorda, on the south side of a bay, or Lakeland, Eustis and Leesburg, amidst their lakes, or other localities shielded by immense forests from the northwest blast, will inevitably show a warmer temperature than other places in the same latitude which have neither water nor forest protection.

But the chief object of this article is to urge a uniform system of ascertainment of temperature in South Florida. Everybody should use the same make of thermometers and place them at the same altitude. Without this, we cannot make correct and reliable comparisons.

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| Townsend's | Civil Government (Shorter Course) | 72 |
| Stewart & Co's | "First Days in School" | 25 |
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2-111 Bookseller and Stationer, Arcadia, Florida.

TUESDAY'S TEMPERATURE.

Tampa Tribune, January 15: Yesterday morning was signalized by one of the coldest snaps of the winter throughout Florida. A minimum temperature of 20 degrees was reached at two points—Bartow and Bowling Green. Punta Gorda was the only point in the State that showed a minimum higher than Tampa's.

The following were the minimum temperatures reported semi-officially to local observer Haas-Hagen yesterday:

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| Punta Gorda | 30 |
| Tampa | 27 |
| St. Petersburg | 27 |
| Eustis | 26 |
| Lakeland | 25 |
| Braidentown | 24 |
| Plant City | 24 |
| Seffner | 24 |
| Nocatee | 23 |
| Riverview | 22 |
| Sidney | 21 |
| Bartow | 21 |
| Bowling Green | 20 |

It is expected that some damage was done to crops, but nothing of an alarming character has been reported to this office.

Violating the Game Laws.

Gainesville News: The State game laws of Florida are violated with impunity almost daily during the hunting season, and some action should be taken to guard against the indiscriminate slaughter of all species of game by non-resident, and resident hunters as well. In some instances men have boasted of killing in one day twice as many birds as the law permits, and nothing has been done about it. The true sportsman, who enjoys hunting, and never takes advantage of game, but will give birds a chance for their lives, is opposed to such methods as are adopted, and if we want to enjoy shooting wild game the seasons should be made shorter, the number of birds and other game allowed each hunter limited to a smaller number, and all should be protected out of season. In many States a non-resident license for deer shooting costs \$25, the hunter being limited to three deer, the season only twenty days in length, and a deer cannot be shipped out of the State. A hunter from another State is charged \$10 for a license in Florida, and the law is seldom enforced. If the matter was properly looked into we might protect our game and have abundant game for years to come.

About Town Lots.

EDITOR HERALD: In conversation with some northern tourists Sunday, one of them said: "This is a nice location for a town and possesses many advantages. The immense lot house just nearing completion, the big cattle shipping docks, the fisheries, pineapple and orange industries, etc., etc., should make Punta Gorda a city. But the town is behind the growth of the industries. 'Why? Well, land is too high. 'If lots were cheap, I am of the opinion that many Northern people would put up residences here and inhabit them several months in the year. But they can't afford to do so at present prices; and that's where the town is losing in growth and in other ways."

"Now, if land can be bought outside of town as low as \$8 per acre, why should a single 50-foot front lot outside of the business portion be held at thirty to fifty times more? It seems to me that inducements offering cheap building lots would be of benefit to the town."

Seed Cane for Sale.

Two thousand stalks green and ribbon cane.—J. H. HILL, Punta Gorda.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will be at the following places on my first and only round for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the year 1901:

Fish Eating Creek, Tuesday, Jan. 28.
Fort Bassenger, Friday, January 31.
Avon Park, Tuesday, February 4-5.
Lake Stearns, Friday, February 7.
Creswellville, from noon Saturday, Feb. 8, until 12 m. Monday, 10th.
Sweetwater Postoffice, Tuesday, Feb. 11, until 12 m.
Maud Postoffice, Wednesday, February 12, until 12 m.
Bowling Green, Thursday, Feb. 13-14.
Fort Green, Monday, February 17.
Horse Creek, Wednesday, February 19.
Lily, from noon February 20 and 21.
Pine Level, Saturday, February 22.
Oak Hill, Monday, February 24.
Owens, Wednesday, February 26.
Torrey, Friday, February 28.
Wauchula, Saturday, March 1, and Monday, 3.
Zolfo Springs, Tuesday, March 4.
Opa Postoffice, Thursday, March 6.
Calvinia, Friday, March 7.
Gardener, Saturday, March 8.
Brownsville, Monday, March 10.
Arcadia, Tuesday, March 11 to 15.
Nocatee, Monday, March 17.
Fort Ogden Postoffice, Tuesday, March 18.
Fort Ogden R. R. station, Wednesday, March 19.
Cleveland, Thursday, March 20.
Groves City, Saturday, March 22.
Charlotte Harbor, Tuesday, March 25.
Punta Gorda, Wednesday, March 26 to 28 inclusive.

F. M. COOPER,
Tax Assessor.

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such as PEARS, PEACHES, STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, APRICOTS, PEAS, CORN, SUCCOTASH PUMPKIN Etc., at the

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A. F. Dewey,
PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Patrick & Rickerson was dissolved December 19th, 1901, Jesse Patrick retiring and selling his interest to N. N. Wakefield. The new firm of Wakefield & Rickerson assume all liabilities of Patrick & Rickerson and collect all accounts due the old firm.

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Dec. 19, 1901. M. J. RICKERSON.

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